

MEMORANDUM

January 8, 2004

File No. 04-010803

TO: Whatcom County Planning Dept. Environmental Coordinator, DOE
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 Upper Skagit Tribe Lummi Fisheries
 Nooksack Indian Tribe J. Cahill/ D. Lancaster/ J. Tackett, DNR
 North Cascade Audubon Society Forest Tax Division, DOR
 Interested Parties

FROM: Rochelle Goss, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF
NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

Rutsatz Pass Timber Sale #72919 and Forest Practice Application #2806517 is an even-aged harvest of 1,524 MBF of timber from 58 acres. Proposal will include 10,824 feet of road reconstruction, 1,960 feet of road construction, and 1,013 feet of road abandonment. Located in Section 03, Township 38 North, Range 05 East, Sections 01, 02, and 34, Township 39 North, Range 05 East, and Section 23, Township 40 North, Range 05 East, W.M., Whatcom County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination and SEPA Checklist can be viewed on DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on January 8, 2004. We will consider comments on this proposed MDNS received by 4:30 p.m. on January 22, 2004. **Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@wadnr.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.**